

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2442

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, line 3, strike "section" insert "sections"; after "8-512.01" insert  
2       ", 8-512.02 and 8-512.03"

3 After line 19, insert:

4              "8-512.02. Behavioral health services; children in out-of-home  
5                          placement; requirements; definitions

6              A. FOR ANY CHILD WHO IS IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WHO  
7 ENTERS OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT:

8              1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A COMPLETED REFERRAL TO THE REGIONAL  
9 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE CHILD ENTERS  
10 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT FOR AN ASSESSMENT.

11              2. THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT MAY CONTACT THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL  
12 HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD ENTERING CARE.

13              3. THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SHALL DISPATCH AN  
14 ASSESSMENT TEAM WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER BEING NOTIFIED THAT THE CHILD  
15 HAS ENTERED CARE IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OR WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER BEING  
16 NOTIFIED IF THE CHILD HAS IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

17              4. THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE AN INITIAL  
18 EVALUATION OF THE CHILD WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER A REFERRAL OR  
19 REQUEST FOR SERVICES.

20              5. THE FIRST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE APPOINTMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED  
21 WITHIN TWENTY-ONE CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL EVALUATION.

22              6. IF THE CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM DETERMINES THAT A CHILD NEEDS  
23 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THAT THE SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITHIN  
24 THIRTY DAYS DUE TO A WAITING LIST, THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT  
25 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION SHALL GRANT A CASE-SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WITH AN  
26 OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDER.

27              7. IF A CHILD IS HOSPITALIZED AND AWAITING STEP-DOWN CARE IN AN  
28 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT, THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SHALL APPROVE  
29 AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CARE TO THE CHILD WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER  
30 NOTIFICATION FROM THE HOSPITAL.

1           8. IF A CHILD LIVES WITHIN FIFTEEN MILES OF A COUNTY BORDER, THE CHILD  
2       MAY RECEIVE SERVICES FROM THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY IN EITHER  
3       COUNTY.

4           9. IF A FOSTER CHILD IS MOVED INTO ANOTHER COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE  
5       CHILD'S OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT, THE CHILD MAY RECEIVE SERVICES IN EITHER  
6       COUNTY.

7           10. IF A CHILD LIVES MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE MILES FROM THE NEAREST  
8       BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC OR PROVIDER, IN-HOME SERVICES SHALL BE OFFERED WHEN  
9       DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM, EXCEPT FOR TREATMENTS THAT  
10      NEED TO BE PROVIDED IN A CLINIC SETTING, INCLUDING MEDICATION MANAGEMENT.

11       11. IF THE CHILD IS IN NEED OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE CHILD  
12      SHALL BE ASSIGNED A THERAPIST WHO HAS AT LEAST A MASTER'S DEGREE AND  
13      APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR THAT CHILD. EXCEPT IN CASES OF  
14      TRAUMA-SPECIFIC COUNSELING, A THERAPIST SHALL CONSIDER ALL DRUG FREE  
15      TREATMENT OPTIONS WHEN APPROPRIATE.

16       B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

17       1. "OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT" INCLUDES SHELTERS, RECEIVING HOMES, KINSHIP  
18      FOSTER CARE, FAMILY FOSTER CARE HOMES AND GROUP HOMES.

19       2. "STEP-DOWN CARE" INCLUDES STABILIZATION UNITS, RESIDENTIAL  
20      TREATMENT CENTERS, THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOMES AND THERAPEUTIC FOSTER HOMES.

21       8-512.03. Health care services: children leaving the custody of  
22                   the department

23       NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A CHILD WHO WAS IN THE CUSTODY  
24      OF THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER MAY CONTINUE RECEIVING SERVICES  
25      PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-512 OR TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1 FOR A PERIOD OF  
26      SIX MONTHS UNTIL THE CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED UNDER TITLE 36,  
27      CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1."

28 Amend title to conform

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